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SUBJ: CSCE/CMBS: TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS AT EXERCISE

TEAMWORK 76

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(D) USNATO 4211 (DTG 281730Z JUL 76)

1. DUTCH REPS HERE HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY PLAN TO RAISE
AT AUG 31 POLADS MEETING QUESTION OF TREATMENT WHICH SHOULD
BE ACCORDED TO CSCE OBSERVERS AT EXERCISE TEAMWORK 76 IN
NORWAY. DUTCH POINT OUT THAT NORWEGIAN PLANS CALL FOR
INVITATIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND AND THEY WONDER
WHAT KIND OF FACILITIES ALLIES BELIEVE SHOULD BE OFFERED
TO OBSERVERS IN VIEW OF UNSATISFACTORY OBSERVER CONDITIONS
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OFFERED BY SOVIETS AT EXERCISE CAUCASUS AND SEVER.
AS PART OF THEIR INQUIRY, DUTCH ALSO ASKED WHETHER
THERE WERE ANY US OBJECTIONS TO VISITS BY CSCE
OBSERVERS TO US, UK AND NETHERLANDS TROOPS (WHICH

WE UNDERSTAND WERE PLANNED FOR SEPT 24 - SEE PARA 4, REF C).

2. OUR INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH INTERESTED DELGATIONS INDICATE THAT UK, FRG AND NETHRLANDS DELS BELIEVE ALLIES SHOULD SET HIGHER STANDARDS THAN SOVIETS HAVE THUS FAR IN TREATMENT ACCORDED TO OBSERVERS, THOUGH WITHOUT OF COURSE ALLOWING WP OBSERVERS TO TAKE INTELLIGENCE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR ATTENDANCE. TURKS, ON THE OTHER HAND, REPORTEDLY FEEL ALLIES SHOULD OFFERE SIMILAR CONDITONS TO THOSE AFFORDED BY SOVIETS.

3. COMMENT: WE SHARE UK/DUTCH/FRG VIEWS WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OVERALL US APPROACH TO CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. HOWEVER, WE THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS LATE DATE FOR ALLIES TO TRY TO SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE NORWEGIAN PLANS FOR TEAMWORK WHICH WE WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON OVER A MONTH AGO (REF C)) WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, WE MIGHT WISH AT AUG 31 POLAS TO EXPRESSSS GENERAL VIEW THAT ALLIED TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS SHOJLD, IF POSSIBLE, BE CONSISTENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRG REP PLANS TOO RIEF POLADS ON AUG 31 RE PLANS FOR OBSERVERS AT GROSSER BAER AND LARES TEAM. IN LONGER TERMS, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, QUESTION OF TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS IS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AT UPCOMING POLADS REVIEW OF CBMS DUE TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH (REF D).

4. ACTION REQUEST: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VIEWS ON OBSERVER QUESTION WHICH DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH US TO EXPRESS AT AUG 31 POLADS. STRAUZ-HUPE

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